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Title: METHODS AND KITS FOR OBTAINING AND ANALYZING SKIN  
SAMPLES FOR THE DETECTION OF NUCLEIC ACIDS (as amended)

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please consider the following remarks and amendments.

**In the Claims**

Please enter rewritten claims 64, 104, 120, 123 and 124 as follows.

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